

REMARKS

The Examiner has made a restriction requirement to the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1 - 3; the claim of Group II, i.e. claim 4; or the claims of Group III, i.e., claims 5 - 7. Applicants elect the claims of Group I.

Since Applicants have elected the claims of Group I, the claims of Groups II and II, i.e., claims 4 - 7 have been canceled.

Applicants had difficulty making the required election in the previous response because the Office Action recited the claims of Group I as being classified in class 434, which is Education and Demonstration. However, on further consideration, it appears that there was a typographical error in that the Examiner meant class 435, subclass 4. Assuming that the Office Action meant class 435, subclass 4, Applicants have elected the claims of Group I. Both the original claims of Group I and the present claims appear to be most appropriately classified in class 436, subclass 71, processes or compositions for determining lipids, triglycerides, cholesterol, and lipoproteins.

The undersigned was unsure of how to respond to the Office Communication, since in order to elect the claims of Group I, it is believed that these claims need to remain in the application, but in the previous response, claims 1 - 3 had been cancelled. A telephone call to the Examiner failed to clarify this issue. Therefore, in order to keep the elected claims in the application, the prior amendment is being treated as not being entered. If the Examiner believes that this response should be in some other form, the Examiner is invited to make whatever Examiner's Amendment is necessary to result in the substance of the claims as amended herein being before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1848, under Order No. 023134.0107PTUS from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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